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National Operations Brief Thursday, April 19, 2018

National Response Coordination Center: not activated

National Watch Center: Steady State

National Preparedness Level: 2 (raised April 13, 2018 at 1300 Mountain Daylight Time)
(<http://www.nifc.gov/fireInfo/nfn.htm>)

Joint Field Offices: 17 active; **Major Declarations:** 35; **Emergency Declarations:** two
Red Flag Warnings (determined local level): Arizona, New Mexico and Colorado
Extremely Critical Fire Weather (determined national level): eastern Arizona into western New Mexico

Critical Fire Weather (determined national level): much of Arizona, western New Mexico and northward along Utah/Colorado border, also central/eastern Colorado

Elevated Fire Weather (determined local level): encircles "Critical" areas extending into western Texas/Oklahoma panhandle; also the Carolinas into eastern Georgia

Isolated Dry Thunderstorms: portion of New Mexico

Space Weather: past 24 hours – none observed; next 24 hours – none predicted
(<http://www.swpc.noaa.gov/communities/space-weather-enthusiasts>)

Wildfire Declarations: Fire Management Assistance Grants (FMAGs)

- 34 Complex Fire – Woodward County; FEMA-5231-FM-Oklahoma approved April 13, 2018; began April 12, 2018; acres burned 67,778; contained 45 percent; no evacuations; no fatalities/injuries
- Rhea Fire – Dewey County; FEMA-5232-FM-Oklahoma approved April 13, 2018; began April 13, 2018, burning in and around city of Rhea; acres burned 283,095; contained 15 percent; evacuations; no fatalities, one civilian/one firefighter injuries
- McClellan Fire – Gray County; FEMA- 5235-FM-Texas approved April 18, 2018; began April 17, 2018; acres burned 32,100; contained 70 percent; no evacuations; no fatalities/injuries

Disaster Declaration:

- none

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Weather Outlook

Today April 19: <http://www.spc.noaa.gov/>

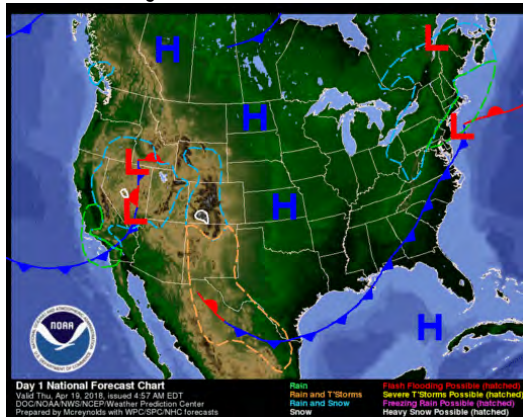
- Rain along the coast from northeast Maryland to Maine
- Rain/snow from central Appalachians/Upper Ohio River Valley to New England
- Showers/thunderstorms over northern Mexico, Rio Grande Valley and New Mexico
- Strong to severe thunderstorms portion of southern New Mexico and far West Texas, risk for downburst winds and hail
- Rain/higher elevation snows central Rockies; heavy snow Colorado's San Juan mountains
- Rain across portions of southern California
- Rain/higher elevation snow for the Sierras, Great Basin and Snake River Valley

Tomorrow April 20:

- Rain/snow continues over portions of upstate New York and northern New England, rain lingers along New England coastal regions

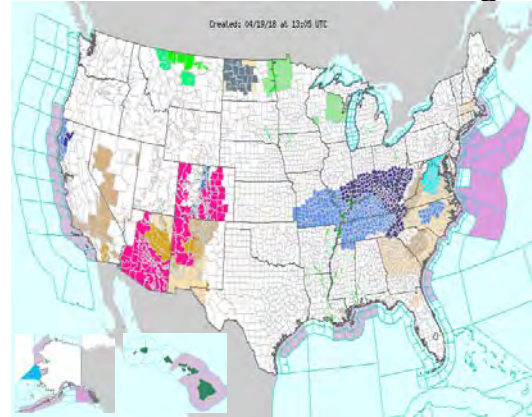
- Rain over parts of southern Florida
- Rain/thunderstorms from Rio Grande Valley north into central Plains, rain for remainder of central Plains and Missouri Valley
- Rain/higher elevation snow for Four Corners, central Rockies and western Plains
- Heavy snow for portions of central Rockies
- Rain Pacific Northwest's coastal region
- Rain/higher elevation snow over the Cascades and far northern Rockies

Today's Weather Outlook



http://www.nws.noaa.gov/outlook_tab.php

Current Watches and Warnings



<http://www.nws.noaa.gov/largemap.php>



The [FEMA app](#) is your one-stop-shop with tools/tips to keep you safe before, during, and after disasters. Stay updated with weather-related alerts from the U.S. National Weather Service. Upload and share your disaster photos to help out emergency managers. Save a custom list of the items in your family's emergency kit, as well as the places you will meet in case of an emergency. Get tips on what to do before, during, and after over 20 types of disasters. Locate open shelters and where to talk to FEMA in person at Disaster Recovery Centers.



National Terrorism Advisory System provides information on homeland security issues, distributed by Department of Homeland Security. More information available: www.dhs.gov/advisories. To receive mobile updates: <https://twitter.com/dhsgov>

National Headlines:

- Multiple media sources reporting on threats to schools across the nation

Health Information:

- Seasonal Influenza - <http://www.cdc.gov/flu/weekly/>
- 2017-18 number of pediatric deaths reported as of April 7, 2018 – 151
- [CIDRAP News and Perspective](#) (hyperlink - Center for Infectious Disease Research & Policy)
- [Global Alert and Response Disease Outbreak News](#) (hyperlink World Health Organization)
- [Listing of latest U.S. Food and Drug Administration's Recalls, Market Withdrawals, & Safety Alerts](#) provides "Sign up to receive Recalls, Market Withdrawals and Safety Alerts"
- [Nutrione Recalls Various Lots of Multiple Dietary Supplements Because of Possible Salmonella Health Risk](#)
- U.S. Dept. Agriculture - [Food Safety/Inspection Service current recalls/alerts](#)
- Food Safety News: [Foodborne Illness Outbreaks](#) and [Food Safety News](#)
- [Another company recalls kratom after illness reported](#)
- [Officials in Michigan, Utah warn about new hepatitis A cases](#)
- [Unusually high percentage of E. coli victims hospitalized](#)